

Loddon & Clavering Rural District Council.

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Loddon, Norwich.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1899

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Dear Sir

In compliance with your  
request I send you a copy of my  
annual Report of the above District  
I regret I am unable to send you  
a copy of the Statistics but I am  
only supplied with 4 forms and  
these are always 3 required. The Board  
will not print my report.

I remain

Yours faithfully

E. Thurlow Prior

London 24th March 1841

My dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by the post of the 21st inst.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

J. B. Esq.  
10, Abchurch Lane, London E.C. 4

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Gentlemen

I have the honour of presenting to you my report of the Above district for 1898. No changes have taken place during that year in the area of the district. The Health of the District from a sanitary point of view has been very satisfactory there having been only 46 cases of infectious diseases notified to me against 101 of the previous year. The Mortality of the District on the other hand has been considerably greater 216 deaths having been registered against 190 of the previous year. The mortality in the Workhouse has decreased 17 deaths against 21. The deaths from Phthisis are 21 against 19 of the previous year. From other diseases of the Lungs as Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy are 30 against 16. From this you will perceive that deaths from diseases of the chest will nearly make the increase in the deaths in the District. The whole District has been periodically and systematically inspected. The Houses are habitable. no house has been closed as unfit for human habitation.

Inspections.



Nuisances abated  
and Alterations  
made

The requirements of a large part of the district in the matter of maintaining proper drains and means of disposal of refuse were frequently under consideration last year and many improvements were carried out. The work under this heading has been considerable. I beg to append a list of work done

Complaints received	27
Houses inspected	196
Houses in Sanitary condition	44
" requiring sanitary improvements	152
Visits to premises	641
Notices served to abate nuisances	153
" complied with or in hand	100
Tests <sup>not complied with</sup> applied to house drains	53.
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<u>Sanitary improvements effected</u>	
Foul earth closets, pits cleansed or repaired	76
Earth closets covered or reconstructed	65
New earth closet pits built	23
" " closets built	4
Pails provided or renewed	3
Drains repaired	20
Gully traps provided	27
Urinals trapped	1
Foul ditches cleansed	14
Overcrowding abated	2
Accumulations of manure removed	20
Legal notices served	8
Houses cleansed	1
Wells cleaned out	3.

Vital Statistics

The number of Births registered this year 316 against 332 of previous year showing an average of 23.93 per 1000

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Deaths.

There has been 216 deaths shewing an average of 16.35 per 1000 for the whole District

No 1 District	50	average	16.27.	per 1000.
No 2 "	52	"	14.32.	"
No 3 "	57	"	18.13	"
No 4 "	40	"	12.27.	"
The Workhouse	17	.	170.0	"

The Deaths recorded are from

Phthisis	21
Diphtheria	1
Measles	2
Whooping Cough	7
Diarrhoea	4
Chest Complaints	30
Heart Disease	7
Inquests	6
All other Diseases	138

Infectious Diseases  
Notified

Only 46 Cases of Infectious diseases have been notified to me viz:-

Scarlatina	22
Diphtheria	12
Enteric Fever	7
Buerperal Fever	1
Erysipelas	4

Water Supply

The water supply of the District is fairly good except in Bedingham and Sopercroft where the water is generally obtained from shallow wells and ponds. A well at Seething on property belonging to The Royal Oak Oddfellows Club Norwich Unity in the occupation of Mr. Charles Thrower has been closed as unfit to drink. The water has been analysed by Messrs Allen and Hanbury's London. Several notices have been



on owners to supply wholesome drinking water

### Schools closed

Six Schools were closed by the order of The District Council during the year. Ravensingham School was closed from January 18<sup>th</sup> till April 11<sup>th</sup> on account of Scarlatina. Broome School was closed for a fortnight by your special request although there were only two cases of Scarlatina in the Parish. I append a list of Schools closed

	<u>closed</u>	<u>reopened</u>	
Ravensingham Board School	Jan'y 18	April 11.	Scarlatina
Broome	Mar 9.	Mar 25.	"
Hales	June 19.	July 10.	Whooping Cough
Soft Monks & Haddiscoe	July 15.	Aug 1.	"
Thurton National	Nov 8.	After Christmas	Measles
Claxton	Dec 2.	Holiday	"

### Dairies

The Dairies in the District have been inspected and several sanitary improvements have been enforced. There are several Dairies in the District which are not registered. I am not aware that any Dairies in the district have been subjected to the Tuberculin Test.

In concluding this report I should like to call your attention to the want of a code of Bye-laws regulating Slaughter houses, which we are unable to deal with satisfactorily under existing conditions. The Food and Drugs Act would be very beneficial to the general Public. I very much regret the circumstances which prevent the adoption of the Contagious Disease Prevention Act in this District. It is very satisfactory that during the past year there have been only



46 cases of Infectious Diseases notified as it shows the District must be getting into a more Sanitary State. The Drains in Loddon Street are mostly untrapped and in dry seasons are the source of great annoyance. There is no sewer at what is called by the name of Grove End Loddon and consequently all refuse and slops have to be thrown on to the gardens which is a very unsanitary proceeding.

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Altogether I consider this a very favourable report and I trust Gentlemen you will consider it such. I have to thank Messrs Whittaker White and Pritchard for their valuable assistance in carrying out the duties in this department.

I remain Gentlemen  
yours faithfully

R. Thunton Prior

M. C. H.

